

EMT Training Rulemaking Update, January 23, 2007

The purpose of this rulemaking is to:

1. Clarify whom an on-line medical director may allow to relay on-line medical direction;
2. Require training on epinephrine auto-injector administration in the Arizona EMT-B Course and the Arizona EMT-B Refresher;
3. Require Arizona EMT-P Course students to complete, during clinical training and field training, the competencies identified in 9 A.A.C. 25, Article 3, Exhibit C;
4. Correct the URLs for the NHTSA National Standard Curricula incorporated by reference in Article 3;
5. Establish qualifications for supplemental skill training instructors in a new R9-25-513; and
6. Repeal R9-25-509, the rule that makes epinephrine auto-injector administration an optional skill for EMT-Bs.

The change described in item 1 above will make the language in R9-25-205(D) consistent with the language recently adopted in R9-25-204(C)(2). This is a nonsubstantive change to clarify the rule.

The changes described in items 2, 5, and 6 were recommended by the Education Committee at its November 2006 meeting. The change described in item 3 was recommended by the Education Committee at its May 2006 meeting. All of these changes were also recommended by the Emergency Medical Services Council at its January 2007 meeting. The changes in items 2, 5, and 6 were also recommended by the Medical Direction Commission (MDC) at its January 2007 meeting. MDC was not asked to consider the change described in item 3.

At this time, ADHS is accepting informal public comment on the EMT Training Rulemaking drafts, which are available at http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin_rules/emt_training.htm.

Written comments on the drafts will be accepted until February 28, 2007, and may be submitted to Sarah Harpring, Rules Analyst, as follows:

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